(v) The decentralized training programme for ICDS functionaries named UDISHA has been launched.

Grants to new universities of Orissa

714. SHRI M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three new universities in Orissa, namely, the University of Culture in Bhubaneswar, the North Orissa University in Baripada and the Fakir Mohan University at Balasore have not yet received the required grants from the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the lack of such attention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF]HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):

(a) and (b) According to the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the three universities have not yet been declared fit to receive grant from the Commission, in terms of Rules framed under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act. Therefore, these universities have not so far been able to receive any grant from the UGC.

Meeting on demands of teachers

715. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJJHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a negotiation meeting was held between the Ministry, UGC and the representatives of the Federation of Central University Teachers Association in the Month of May this year to discuss on the long pending demands of the teachers; and

(b) if so, the details of discussions that took place the long-pending demands of teachers and settlement arrived at on these demands?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) (a) and (b) No such negotiation meeting was held. However, informal discussions were held on the issues raised by FEDCUTA with their representatives on 23.5.2001 and the Government's stand explained.